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Mescon Chair in Dermatology honors former chairman; Peter Pochi '55 named first occupant of the Chair

Barbara Gilchrest, M.D., chairman of the Department of Dermatology at the School of Medicine, recently announced the establishment of the Mescon Chair in Dermatology, named in memory of the late Herbert Mescon, M.D., a BUSM alumnus who became the nation's first full-time dermatology department chairman when he was named to the BUSM post in 1952. She also announced the selection of Peter Pochi, M.D., a professor of dermatology and a member of BUSM's Class of 1955, as the first person to occupy the Chair, which is one of the few chairs in dermatology in the world.

The announcements were made at a reception in the School's Hiebert Lounge at which the generosity of those who contributed to the Chair was acknowledged. The contributors include approximately 300 colleagues, former trainees, patients, members of the Mescon family and friends. The Department of Dermatology and the Robert Wood Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Institute also contributed a significant amount to establish the Chair.

Brought Department international recognition

"I think it is only fitting that the Chair be named in honor of the man who had been the heart and soul of dermatology here," said Pochi, who chaired the fund-raising committee. "Mescon slowly built up the Department to a position of eminence nationally and helped to increase the strength and research activity of the specialty in general."

Mescon, a member of BUSM's Class of 1942, remained chairman of the Department until his retirement in 1984. At the time of his appointment, Mescon was the youngest head of an academic department at any medical school in the country (he was 33). He established BUSM's residency training program in dermatology and helped to bring the Department to international recognition.

Pochi was one of the first residents to train under Mescon, and the two worked together for approximately 27 years prior to Mescon's death in 1985. Mescon was well known for his work in the histopathology of skin and Pochi is considered an expert in the field of acne.



MESCON CHAIR ENDOWED—A reception recently was held to acknowledge those who contributed to the Mescon Chair in Dermatology, named in memory of the late Department Chairman Herbert Mescon, M.D. Those who attended the reception held in the Hiebert Lounge included, from left to right, Dean Aram Chobanian; Mescon's son, Stan; Mescon's widow, Barbara; Peter Pochi, M.D.; and Barbara Gilchrest, M.D. (Photo by Gustav Freedman)

Medical Campus 1989 Black Achievers to be honored on Jan. 12 in Keefer

Three Medical Campus recipients of the Boston YMCA's 1989 Black Achievers Awards will be honored during a program commemorating the birth of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and recognizing "350 Years of Black Presence in Boston." The Medical Campus's 1989 Black Achievers are Alice Owen, assistant administrator for the Division of Surgery and coordinator of the Residency Training Program; Phyllis Stevens, director of minority affairs; and Charles Terrell, associate dean for financial affairs. The Black Achievers program links successful black professionals with young people in the community.

The program will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Hospital's Keefer Auditorium. Ruth M. Batson, M.Ed., a retired BUSM associate professor of psychiatry, will be the keynote speaker. All members of the BUMC community are invited to attend the program as well as the reception afterwards, which is scheduled to be held in the Wilkins Board Room at 5 p.m.

In addition, an awards banquet for all of Boston's Black Achievers will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 5:15 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel in Boston's Copley Place. The program at UH will honor all of the Medical Center's Black Achievers.

Humphrey Center members travel to China to breast cancer conference

Researchers from the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center and the School of Medicine and their colleagues at other institutions recently returned from a visit to the People's Republic of China for a three-day conference on breast cancer. The trip, which was led by Herbert H. Wotiz, Ph.D., director of the Humphrey Center, is the result of an exchange program between the School of Medicine and Liaoning Cancer Institute in the city of Shen Yang.

According to Wotiz, while breast cancer traditionally has not been a major problem in China and other Eastern countries, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in the number of Chinese women who develop the disease. Although the cause of the increase is difficult to pinpoint, Wotiz offered two explanations: the delaying of childbirth until later in life in order to help curb the population growth, and the increase in fat intake as the Chinese diet changes due to an improving economy.

The purpose of the meeting was two-fold, said Wotiz. It allowed scientists from the Liaoning Cancer Institute to hear relevant, up-to-date technologic and scientific information and it was an early attempt by the Chinese scientists to have an international meeting.

Other Humphrey Center members who spoke at the conference included Richard Niles, Ph.D., a professor of biochemistry, and Gail Sonenshein, Ph.D., an associate professor of biochemistry, as well as Cheng-Ju Chang, a graduate student in Sonenshein's laboratory. Joseph Vitale, M.D., Sc.D., associate dean of international health and a professor of pathology, also participated, as did Mary Ann Lane, chief of the Laboratory of Molecular Immunobiology at the Dana Farber Cancer Center in Boston.

BUSM faculty members participate in AHA scientific sessions in Washington

A number of Cardiovascular Institute members participated in the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions held Nov. 13 through 17 in Washington, D.C. Dean Aram Chobanian presented an overview of the 1988 Report of the Joint National Committee on Detection, Evaluation and Treatment of High Blood Pressure.

Other CVI members who presented papers included: Carl S. Apstein, M.D.; Albert J. Belanger, M.A.; Susanne Bennett-Clark, Ph.D.; William P. Castelli, M.D.; Jay D. Coffman, M.D.; Richard A. Cohen, M.D.; Ralph B. D'Agostino, Ph.D.; Rodney H. Falk, M.B.Ch.B.; David P. Faxon, M.D.; Harambalos Gavras, M.D.; Beth Hankin, M.S., R.N.; Christian C. Haudenschild, M.D.; William Hollander, M.D.; William B. Kannel, M.D., M.P.H.; David M. Larson, Ph.D.; Alice Lichtenstein, D.Sc.; Jonathan F. Plehn, M.D.; Thomas K. Pow, M.D.; Nelson Ruiz-Opazo, Ph.D.; Nicholas A. Ruocco, M.D.; Thomas J. Ryan, M.D.; Donald M. Small, M.D.; Joseph Stokes III, M.D.; Donald Weiner, M.D.; and Vassilis I. Zannis, Ph.D.



PARENTS' RECEPTION HELD—Dean Aram Chobanian, left, talks with Aubrey Milunsky, MB.B.Ch., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., director of BUSM's Center for Human Genetics, whose son, Jeffrey is a member of the Class of '92, and Milunsky's mother, at the Parents' Reception recently held in the School's Hiebert Lounge. (Photo by Gustav Freedman)

Reception for parents, alumni held at BUSM and in New York

More than 150 parents and students recently gathered in the School's Hiebert Lounge for the annual Parents' Committee reception and heard Dean Aram Chobanian speak on new challenges in medical education. In addition, a reception for parents and alumni, hosted by Parents' Committee co-chairpersons Paul and Jean Rothbaum, recently was held at the Lake Success Golf Club in Great Neck, N.Y., and also featured Chobanian as guest speaker. Among the guests at the New York reception was Elizabeth Dooling '65, first vice president of the School's Alumni Association.

The explosion of scientific and technological knowledge in this country has resulted in the need to restructure the curriculum, said Chobanian. The dean told the parents that students must develop new learning habits in order to be able to cope with an increasing knowledge base. Computers, he said, are becoming more important in a student's medical training. According to Committee co-founder Alan Edelstein, the Parents' Committee has "adopted" the BUSM student computer lab as a special project, and he announced that Norton Sherman recently made a substantial gift to the lab. Sherman is a long-time friend of BUSM, a Board of Visitors member and parent of Brian Sherman '91.

Reception guests at the School also saw a presentation of a video on "BUSM in the News" and toured the student computer lab.

HealthNET to be broadcast nationally over Learning Channel beginning in January

The BUSM Area Health Education Center (AHEC) HealthNET program will be broadcast nationally beginning in January over The Learning Channel, which is included in most basic cable TV packages. HealthNET will be broadcast live at 8 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month and at 7 p.m. on either the third or the fourth Friday evening of each month. A toll-free number will be available for viewer questions so that HealthNET sites may continue to use audiographic conferencing for the Thursday morning programs. Viewers may participate from their homes for the Friday evening programs.

HealthNET programs allow AHEC's health professionals to obtain the latest expert information on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases without taking time away from their duties. Because the programs are "interactive" (members of the professional audience can speak directly to a lecturer via a telephone hookup), questions can be answered immediately and discussions can take place.

According to Maryann Dwyer, manager for media programming at AHEC, broadcasting over The Learning Channel offers a stable schedule, a guarantee of good reception and the opportunity to reach health-care providers across the country as well as in Alaska, Puerto Rico and South America. For more information, please call Dwyer at x5110 (638-5110).

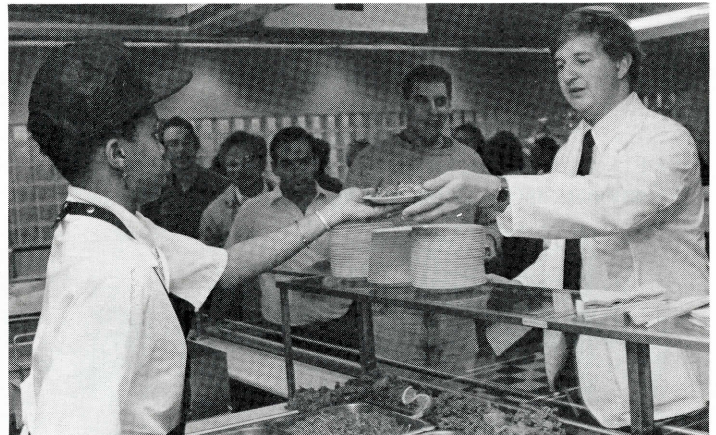
Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry celebrates silver anniversary

The Henry M. Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a black-tie gala celebration dinner and a day-long scientific symposium. The dinner, which was held on Nov. 4 in the George Sherman Union Grand Ballroom on the Charles River Campus, was attended by GSGD alumni, faculty, staff and friends. The symposium, which was open to all GSGD students, was held at the School on Nov. 5 and featured speakers from various specialties.

The School of Graduate Dentistry was founded in October 1963 by Henry M. Goldman, D.M.D., but has roots dating back to 1958 when the School of Medicine established a Department of Stomatology to provide postdoctoral education in dentistry. Goldman was chairman of the Department and chief of Periodontal Service at the University Hospital. When it was founded, GSGD was the only institution in the country devoted solely to graduate-level education in dentistry. In 1978, the Board of Trustees of Boston University voted to name the School in honor of its founding dean. GSGD Dean Spencer N. Frankl, D.D.S., was appointed to the position in 1977.

Medical Campus opens new dining facility in basement of Instructional Building

Boston University Dining Services recently opened a new restaurant in the basement of the School of Medicine's Instructional



'CHEQUERS' OPENING—BUSM faculty, staff and students line up to sample the free food offered during the grand opening of 'Chequers,' the Medical Campus' new dining facility. (Photo by David Keough, BUSM Educational Media Support Center)

Building. "Chequers" is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The menu includes deli food, pasta, Chinese food and pastries. The restaurant recently held a party for faculty, staff and students to celebrate the grand opening.

Annual Affiliated Hospitals dinner held at Boston's St. Botolph Club

The 1988 annual School of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals dinner recently was held at the St. Botolph Club in Boston. Twenty-seven representatives from 10 of the School's teaching affiliates joined Aram Chobanian, M.D., at his first Affiliated Hospitals dinner as dean. Chobanian reported on the changes taking place at the School since he assumed the deanship. He also commented on how beneficial the affiliates are to medical education at the School.

Daniel Bernstein, M.D., associate dean for hospital affiliations, hosted the event. The hospitals that were represented included: Boston City Hospital, Boston Veterans Administration Hospital, Brockton Hospital, Carney Hospital, Framingham Union Hospital, Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Malden Hospital, Salem Hospital, Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center and the University Hospital.

Leonard Gottlieb, M.D., honored by Irish pathologists in Dublin

Leonard S. Gottlieb, M.D., chairman of the Department of Pathology and director of the Mallory Institute of Pathology at Boston City Hospital, recently was honored by Irish graduates of the Mallory in recognition of the training that many of Ireland's current leaders in pathology received at the Mallory. Gottlieb received a crystal bowl engraved with his name and the Dublin millenium crest.

Gottlieb received the award when he and other members of the Mallory traveled to Dublin to attend the 17th World Congress of the International Academy of Pathology. Michael J. O'Brien, M.D., a professor of pathology and associate director of the Mallory Institute of Pathology, Bohdana Burke, M.D., an assistant professor of pathology, Connor O'Keane, M.D., and Kieran Sheahan, M.D., both senior residents in the Department, also attended the meeting. O'Brien contributed the lead article, entitled "Cancer of the Colon and Rectum: Current Concepts of Aetiology and Pathogenesis," to a special supplement of the *Irish Journal of Medical Science*, which marked the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Pathological Society of Dublin. In addition, Sheahan and O'Keane made four platform presentations at the meeting.

Robert McCunney, M.D., named clinical director of the OHP at UH

Robert J. McCunney, M.D., an assistant professor of public health at the School of Public Health, recently was named clinical director of the Occupational Health Program (OHP) of the Department of Neurology at the University Hospital and clinical director of Employee Health Services at the Medical Center. McCunney, who has served as director of the OHP training program since 1983, now will manage OHP's clinical services, program development, and educational and research activities. Also in his new position, he will instruct graduate students and residents, perform on- and off-site clinical services, and develop clinical policies for occupational and employee health.

Services offered by OHP range from preplacement examinations and treatment of industrial accidents to certain on-site assistance programs.

Jan E. Paradise, M.D., joins BUSM faculty, BCH Child Protection Program

Jan E. Paradise, M.D., recently was appointed an assistant professor of pediatrics at BUSM and associate director of the Child Protection Program at Boston City Hospital, announced Program Director Robert Reece, M.D., an associate professor of pediatrics and socio-medical sciences and community medicine. Paradise held a similar position at Children's Hospital in Boston before coming to BUSM and BCH.

Paradise's research interests are sexually abused children, pediatric and adolescent gynecology and genital infections. According to Paradise, the Program provides service, evaluation and referrals for cases of suspected child abuse and neglect, as well as teaching for resident staff.

Whitaker Health Sciences Fund announces application deadline for research proposals

The Whitaker Health Sciences Fund, a nonprofit organization that supports biomedical research collaboration between the faculty at the School of Medicine and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), has announced that the 1989-90 application deadline for collaborative faculty research awards is Jan. 15. Proposals must be sent to department chairpersons by the deadline for grants that will begin on July 1, 1989.

Ten one-year grants will be awarded for \$48,000 each (supplemented by an additional award to the collaborating institutions for indirect costs). For more information, please contact the Dean's Office at the School of Medicine at x5300 (638-5300) or the Whitaker Fund office at 253-7878.

Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Sciences Program receives \$51,000 grant

The School's Program in Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Sciences has received a \$51,000 grant from Bay State Skills Corp. to partially fund two of four courses being offered during the 1988-89 spring semester: "Medical Terminology," "Microcomputing for Laboratory Scientists" and "Tissue Culture Techniques." Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 17, and will be held at the Medical Center.

According to Program Director Constance Phillips, students can earn two credits each for the medical terminology and physiology courses and four credits each for the microcomputing and tissue culture courses. The Program, initiated by BUSM and the University's Metropolitan College, offers those interested in a science career the opportunity to earn either an Associate of Science or a Bachelor of Science degree. Students have until Jan. 17 to register. For more information, please call Phillips at x5097 (638-5097) or MET College at 353-2980.

Marquis awarded grant by Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association

Judith K. Marquis, Ph.D., an associate professor of pharmacology and experimental therapeutics, recently was awarded a one-



EVANS RESEARCH DAY 1988—J. Thomas LaMont, M.D., a professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Gastroenterology, left, and Richard Eglow, M.D., a second-year fellow in the Department of Gastroenterology at the University Hospital, discuss a poster presentation during Evans Research Day, held recently at UH. (Photo by Lucy Milne, BUSM Educational Media Support Center)

year, \$20,000 pilot research grant by the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.

The title of her research project is "Aluminum Bioavailability and the Etiology of Alzheimer's Disease."

The University Hospital Blood Bank seeks holiday donations from BUMC community

The University Hospital Blood Bank is making a special appeal to Medical Center faculty, staff and students to give blood now that the holidays are here and the need for blood is greater, said Georgia Mason, a blood donor recruiter. Although all blood types are needed, there is a special need for O positive and O negative, said Mason.

Hours for the Blood Bank, which is located in room 420 of UH's Atrium Pavilion, are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. If the hours are inconvenient, appointments are available. For more information, please call the Blood Bank at x7855 (638-7855).



THIRD ANNUAL SMITHWICK SYMPOSIUM HELD—The Third Annual Smithwick Foundation Symposium and Day in Surgery, sponsored by the Department of Surgery and the Department of Continuing Medical Education, recently was held in the University Hospital's Keefer Auditorium. The topic this year was *Oncology—Breast and Colorectal Disease*. Among those who participated were, from left to right, the Medical Center's newly appointed chief of Surgical Oncology Robert Beazley, M.D., a BUSM professor of surgery; Smithwick Lecturer Bernard Fisher, M.D., chairman of the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project and a professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine; Program Director Peter Mozdén, M.D., a professor of surgery and emeritus chief of surgical oncology; Maureen Kavanagh, M.D., an assistant professor of surgery; Peter Deckers, M.D., chairman of the Department of Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine; and Edward Spatz, M.D., chairman of the Department of Surgery and surgeon-in-chief at UH. (Photo by David Keough, BUSM Educational Media Support Center)

Upcoming CME courses

The Department of Continuing Medical Education will present "Recent Advances in Clinical Medicine," from Jan. 30 through Feb. 3 at the Topnotch Resort in Stowe, Vt. The course director is Robert M. Levin, M.D., an associate professor of medicine and chief of the Endocrine Clinic at Boston City Hospital.

The Department of Orthopedics and CME will sponsor the "Eighth Annual Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Trauma Seminar" Feb. 27 through March 3 at Topnotch Resort in Stowe, Vt. The course director is Michael Corbett, M.D., an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery and assistant director of orthopedic surgery at BCH.

"Continuing Medical Education in Pediatrics: Advances in Recognition, Therapy and Prevention" is the title of a series of three seminars sponsored by the Department of Continuing Medical Education and the Department of Pediatrics this winter. "Pediatrics: New Challenges for the '90's" will be held Feb. 20 through 23 at the Camino Real Hotel in Ixtapa, Mexico. "Current Clinical Pediatrics" is scheduled for March 6 through 10 at Sugarbush Inn in Warren, Vt., and April 24 through 28 at Mariner's Inn on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

"Tunable Dye Laser Workshop on Treatment of Vascular Lesions of the Skin," sponsored by the BUMC Laser Center and the Department of Continuing Medical Education, will be held March 4 through 5 in the Department of Dermatology at the School of Medicine. Oon Tian Tan, M.D., an assistant professor of dermatology, is the course director.

For more information, please contact CME at x4605 (638-4605).

Briefly Noted

David R. Cave, M.D., Ph.D., an assistant professor of medicine and director of endoscopy at the University Hospital, was course director of the Continuing Medical Education course "Non-surgical Treatment of Gallstone Disease," recently held at the Boston Marriot-Long Wharf Hotel. Other faculty members who took part in the program included: **Desmond Birkett, M.D., F.R.C.S.**, an associate professor of surgery and chief of surgical endoscopy at UH; **Alan Greenfield, M.D.**, a professor of radiology and chief of the Section of Special Procedures at UH; **Ewa Kuligowska, M.D.**, an associate professor of radiology and chief of ultrasound at Boston City Hospital and UH; **J. Thomas LaMont, M.D.**, a professor of medicine and chief of the Section of Gastroenterology; **Daniel O'Leary, M.D.**, a surgical research fellow at UH; and **Bernard Smith, M.D.**, an assistant professor of medicine and chief of gastroenterology at BCH.... **Victor Evdokimoff, Sc.M., C.H.P.**, an adjunct assistant professor of public health and director of the Radiation Protection Office at the Medical Center, recently was interviewed by WCVB-TV (Ch. 5) consumer reporter Paula Lyons regarding the Office's Radon Testing Service.... **Thomas F. Freddo, O.D., Ph.D.**, an associate professor of ophthalmology and pathology and director of the Eye Pathology Laboratory, was voted to associate membership in the American Association of Ophthalmic Pathologists.... **Eva R. Kashket, Ph.D.**, a professor of microbiology,

was selected by the American Society for Microbiology as a Foundation for Microbiology Lecturer....**Barry M. Manuel, M.D.**, executive director of the BUSM Alumni Association, recently addressed the Massachusetts Society of Plastic Surgeons on "The Future of the Practice of Medicine" and also served as chairman and moderator of a postgraduate course on "Professional Liability/Risk Management and Legal Prepared-

ness" at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago....**Barry Zuckerman, M.D.**, an associate professor of pediatrics at BUSM and director of the Child Development Unit at Boston City Hospital, recently spoke on "Double Jeopardy: Poverty and Health Care Issues" at the Boston Institute for the Development of Infants and Parents conference, held at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

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